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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate Easterly winds; cloudy, with scattered light drizzle.
1 p.m. Observations: Barometric pressure, 1016.5 mbs., 30.02 in. Temperature, 67 deg. F. Dew point, 60 deg. F. Relative humidity, 78. Wind direction, ENE. Wind force, 18 knots. Low water, 2 ft. at 8.50 p.m. High water, 3 ft. 8 in. at 3.18 a.m. (Tuesday).

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MISS ORIENT DISASTER INQUIRY OPENS

Chinese Reds Would Fight With Russia

Latest Broadcast Declaration

Nanking, Apr. 3.—The Chinese Communists today said amid peace negotiations with the Nationalists that they would unite the people of China to fight for Russia in any war between the Soviet Union and the North Atlantic treaty nations.

A Communist broadcast heard in Shanghai quoted a statement signed by Mao Tse-tung and other Communist leaders denouncing the Western treaty and pledging aid to Russia in the event of war.

Discussions for settling the 22-year-old civil war between the Communists and the Nationalist government continued behind closed doors in Peking. Details of the talks were kept secret, but the Government newspaper, Central Daily News, said the six-man Nationalist delegation led off with proposals for a cease fire and calling a political consultation conference.

This report drew an indirect denial from official sources who said that the early stages were devoted to mapping agenda for discussion.

ALLY OF SOVIET UNION
The Communist broadcast tonight said that in the event of war between East and West, even if it should start on the other side of the world, the Communists and their associated "democratic parties" would unite their people to "march forward hand in hand with the ally of China, the Soviet Union." The joint Communist leftist statement condemned the North Atlantic treaty as endangering peace and security of mankind by aiming at a "new aggressive world war."

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Toscanini Upset

New York, Apr. 3.—Arturo Toscanini lost his temper after conducting the last two acts of "Aida" last night when a girl photographer took a flashlight photo of him. Toscanini strode from the stage and ignored the wild applause of the audience. He had been conducting the National Broadcasting Company's Symphony Orchestra in his last regular broadcast of the season.

One music critic said afterwards that the rendering of "Aida" had been good enough to inspire "listeners more rash than picture taking."—Reuter.

"INVASION" THWARTED

Vienna, Apr. 3.—Officials said today that Austrian soldiers along the Hungarian border fired warning shots on Friday to prevent an "invasion" of Austria by Hungarian soldiers. The officials said the Austro-Hungarian border had since been "sealed off by wire and electric fence, except for a small stretch near Nikolsdorf where legal travellers are allowed to pass through."

Frontier guards armed with rifles and pistols were under orders to "repel by force any Hungarian soldiers attempting to invade Austrian territory." The officials said the Hungarians withdrew from the border after warning shots on Friday. The spokesman said: "The Austrian authorities decided to meet force with force, as far as the Hungarians were concerned, and after Hungarian officers and soldiers had kidnapped four Austrian border police recently in order to press them into the Hungarian espionage service." They said the gendarmes rushed to an undisclosed point on the border after Hungarian soldiers crossed the frontier.—United Press.

Explosion Described By Capt. Anderson

STEERING GEAR PUT OUT OF ACTION

The Elliot Reach shipping disaster on the night of March 24 when the Miss Orient, of British registry, was sunk after an explosion while on a journey from Canton to Hongkong, was recalled at a Court of Inquiry which opened this morning. Capt William Anderson, master of the ill-fated vessel, gave evidence.

Mr N. Garland, Acting Director of Marine, is President of the Court with the following as Members: Lt-Cdr J. B. P. Stirling, RN, Capt W. Lumsden, Capt R. E. Smith and Capt I. Newton, Master Mariners.

Mr B. N. Cooper, of Wilkinson and Grist, is representing Yu Ping-yung and Yu Foo-yau, both of the Wo Cheung Fat Shipping and Trading Company, of 52 Wing Lok Street, owners of the Miss Orient.

W. Sprague gave formal testimony regarding a chart of Elliot Passage which was taken from an Admiralty chart while W. R. K. Collings testified to photographs of the Miss Orient as she lay on March 31. He went to the scene on the instructions of the Director of Marine, he said.

Capt. Anderson, master of the Miss Orient, gave evidence that all the ship's papers were lost. She arrived at Canton at 8 a.m. on March 24 and discharged her passengers and cargo by noon that day.

The vessel lay alongside and there was no cargo left in the holds. The Chief Officer inspected the holds and "twelve decks on his instructions. In the afternoon the ship loaded with about twenty tons of tin ingots and general cargo from lighters under the supervision of the Chief Officer and the company's staff. Passengers began

embarking at about 5 p.m. and embarkation was completed by about 9 o'clock that night. The company reported to witness that 293 tickets were sold on shore by the ship's agents. The figure did not represent the total number of passengers on board, said the master, as the custom at Canton was for many passengers to come on board and then buy their tickets. He had no means of knowing the exact total of passengers but on anchorage where they stayed for the night, he was able to estimate that there were approximately 400 passengers on board. No thorough search of the vessel was made before sailing.

FELT EXPLOSION

The Miss Orient left Canton at 9.20 p.m. from the wharf. On the bridge were witness, two pilots, two quartermasters and four ship's guards. They proceeded to the quarantine anchorage where they stayed for about ten minutes and then proceeded down the river by Elliot Reach at varying speeds. It normally took 50 minutes to pass through the Reach.

"At 10.50 p.m. I was approaching Dent Point Buoy and I heard a faint explosion," said Capt. Anderson. "It was not a very heavy explosion but it shook the ship. The first thing I noticed was the steering gear was out of action, and the ship inclined into the left bank when abreast of Dent Point Buoy. A quartermaster called my attention to the steering gear by saying 'No can' or words to that effect. About a minute after the explosion the vessel touched the bank. The speed of the ship at the time of the explosion was about 10 knots. As far as I was able to judge the vessel's speed was not affected by the explosion. Immediately after the explosion the engine was stopped."

SHIP HEELS OVER

Immediately after the explosion, Capt. Anderson went on, the engine was stopped by telegraph from the bridge. As soon as the ship touched the river bank, she began to heel over very rapidly on her starboard side, but he could not say whether the vessel's stem struck the bank a glancing blow or a square-on blow. However, he did not consider that the putting on of the engine for the purpose of correcting the heeling. The time between the explosion and when the ship heeled over was approximately three minutes, he estimated.

Asked what the night was like, Capt. Anderson said it was very dark and misty, and the visibility was very poor. There was no time to take any action to save life until after the ship had settled down on her starboard side. Witness was trapped in the enclosed bridge, and could not get out until about 10 minutes after

wards, when he was dragged out by other members of the crew on the port side. He then saw passengers on the ship's side. There were also the Chief Officer, the Chief Engineer and some of the guards whom he recognised. He had no idea how many passengers there were as there was no opportunity of counting them.

The ship was lying with a list of 88 degrees to starboard. The passengers had no life-saving jackets—with them. The ship's boats and rafts were secured, and could not be used, but a few lifebuoys floated off. Witness was satisfied with the life-saving appliances on board and each of the passengers had a life-jacket, but the suddenness of the accident did not permit the use of the statutory life-saving appliances.

NO PANIC

By the time he had got out of the bridge, assistance had been given to some of the passengers by the Chief Officer and the Chief Engineer, said Capt. Anderson. When he did get out it was not possible to effect any further rescues. About 9 a.m. on March 25 the passengers and crew were taken off by various vessels in limitation of the work done by Mr H. Abbott, chief tide surveyor of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Canton, who organised the removal of all the passengers and crew from the Miss Orient.

The President: Was there any panic on board?

Capt. Anderson: There was no panic whatsoever amongst either the passengers or crew.

He went on to express his appreciation of the work done by Mr H. Abbott, chief tide surveyor of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Canton, who organised the removal of all the passengers and crew from the Miss Orient.

The Chief Officer of the Miss Orient, Mr S. E. M. Huxlett, said he was not on duty at the time of the explosion. Before the ship sailed from her wharf in Canton, she loaded 22 tons of general cargo consisting of tin ingots, hides, cigarettes, Chinese medicine and bamboo mats. There was also baggage belonging to passengers. The cargo was mainly stored in the main hold, No. 2, and the ingots in No. 1 hold. The cargo was stored for trim and stability.

When the ship was at Nam Shek Tau at 9.40 p.m. he issued arms to the guards and to the Captain. These comprised rifles, revolvers and two Bren machine-guns.

'Harry' Baines Appointed Bishop Of Singapore

Canon Henry ("Harry") Wolfe Baines, former Assistant Priest at St John's Cathedral for five years before the war, has been appointed Bishop of Singapore.

A United Press message from London says the appointment was announced yesterday by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Canon Baines succeeds Bishop Wilson, one-time Dean of St John's Cathedral, who is now Dean of Manchester.

A year ago, the Rev. Baines was appointed Rural Dean and Rector of Rugby.

He was appointed to Hongkong during Dean Swann's tenure of office and on leaving the Colony he became Vicar of Radford, Coventry, which was blitzed in 1939.

He took his degree at Balliol College, Oxford, underwent his theological training at Cuddesdon, and was appointed to the staff of the Church of St Mary-the-Virgin, Oxford.

He is an accomplished pianist, has a fine baritone voice, and is a keen cricketer.

Israel-Transjordan Armistice Signed

LIMITATION OF FORCES

Rhodes, Apr. 3.—Israel and Transjordan tonight signed a Palestine armistice agreement here. The pact—signed exactly a month after the two States began their negotiations on this Mediterranean "peace" island—was Israel's third armistice settlement. The others were with Egypt and The Lebanon.

The ceremony of signing lasted seven minutes. It was preceded by a final joint meeting lasting 55 minutes, most of which was taken up by Dr Ralph Bunche, the acting Palestine Mediator and a tireless seeker of peace in the Middle East, reading the text of the long agreement.

Dr Bunche had set up much of last night drafting the final terms and marking maps. The negotiations had been held up earlier this afternoon by disagreement over one of the two annexes to the agreement, said to be that covering the Iraqi-occupied "Arab Triangle" in East Palestine.

The ceremony of signing took place at 9.30 p.m. GMT. The arrangements for the celebration went on smoothly. Five copies of the agreement, bound in black imitation leather cover, were made earlier in the day.

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The principal feature of the general armistice agreement between Transjordan and Israel is the inclusion in the agreement of the Iraqi-held "Arab Triangle" of Eastern Palestine, which the Iraqis announced they were handing over to King Abdullah.

In general, the demarcation line runs according to the present true lines. In Southern Palestine, it accords with the international frontier.

Annexes to the armistice agreement provide for a limitation of forces, which will be implemented within 14 weeks. The front line gives the Israelis the entire stretch of the Haila-Tel-Aviv railway, except for one point at Tulkarm. The Jews also obtain the "polish" works at the southern end of the Dead Sea.

The present situation in Jerusalem remains the same, with the Latrun road still in Arab hands. Starting from the north, the front line commences near the Belsan area, runs westward giving the Gilead Hills to the Jews, sweeps south, running east of the railway line to Tulkarm. This gives the Gederat Afulah road to the Jews, but Tulkarm remains Arab.

LINE FOLLOWS RAILWAY

From Tulkarm the front line follows the eastern edge of the railway to Qalqilya, which remains Arab, and turns eastward to Budrus, 15 kilometres north of Latrun, thereafter following the November 30 armistice line to south of Jerusalem.

South of Jerusalem, the front line continues east from Beit Jibrin, south from En-En-gedi. The line then joins the international frontier in the centre of the Dead Sea and follows this to the Akaba Gulf.

The reduction of forces is understood to include the presence of British troops in Akaba. This area is allocated a total strength of three battalions each, with attached troops.

Jerusalem Proper will be allowed two battalions for

Mandalay Retaken By Govt. Troops

London, Apr. 3.—Burmese Government troops have captured Mandalay, the temple city and ancient capital of the Burmese kings, from the Karen insurgents. All-India Radio announced today. The Karens entered the city, which is 500 miles north of Rangoon, on March 12.

After three days of street fighting the insurgents completely occupied the ancient capital and attacked Sagaing, a town across the Irrawaddy river.

A Government communique on March 10 described the Communist and the Karen rebels as in complete control of Mandalay, but two days later the Karens were reported to have withdrawn to the suburbs, leaving the administration in the hands of the Communists.

Government forces recaptured Meiktila, 90 miles south of Mandalay, on March 28 and the next day launched a new offensive in the Mandalay sector. Recapturing Amarapura, nine miles south of Mandalay by March 25, they were within four miles of Mandalay, with Burma Air Force planes giving protective cover to the land forces.

CLOSING IN
To the east and northeast of Mandalay, other Government troops were tonight closing in on the railway town of Maymyay, about 40 miles from Mandalay on the line running up to the railroad at Lashio, recaptured by Government forces on March 21.

The situation in the rice port of Bassein in Southern Burma was normal and the loading of paddy for export continued without interruption. All-India Radio said.

A serious rift between two factions of the "Karens" was reported from the Bassein district. All-India Radio reported that Rangoon Radio, heard in New Delhi, announced the recapture of the city. The insurgent losses were heavy, it was claimed.

NEW MINISTERS

A Supreme Court judge, E. Maung, and Lieutenant General Re Win, commander of the Burmese armed forces, have been appointed Ministers of the Burmese Government, it was announced in Rangoon today. The announcement said the President of the Burmese Union, Sao Shwe Thaik, considered it unnecessary at present to fill the six vacancies in the Cabinet caused by the resignation yesterday.

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EDITORIAL

Protecting River Shipping

ONE of the first acts of good neighbourliness which the British Navy carried out after the liberation of Hongkong in 1945 was to sweep the Canton river of mines which had been sown by Allied planes for the purpose of disrupting the movement of Japanese shipping between Canton and the Colony. It was a task which took time and involved risks, but it was successfully accomplished and river traffic was able, once again, to resume between the two cities in safety. That was a full three years ago: today, British and Chinese steamers are being confronted with the menace of mines—this time laid by Chinese bandits and gangsters for the express purpose of terrorising shipping companies into the payment of "protection" money. And the bandits mean business as they demonstrated 10 days ago when they blew up and sank the British-registered steamer Miss Orient with heavy loss of life after issuing an ultimatum to the owners. Now they have issued similar threats against the Canadian-built motorships Shihmen and Chimen, while it is common knowledge that the U. and S. Fishan, the Queen of the river, is on their list. The owners have met these attempts to terrorise with courage, refusing to be intimidated either into paying out "protection" money or to taking their vessels off the river. But danger faces every bit of the river shipping today and a situation has been created which calls for most energetic action on the part of the Chinese authorities. Two years ago Hongkong was subjected to a terroristic campaign carried out by gangsters: it took the form of extortion by threat, with home-made bombs and grenades being placed in theatres and shops when the proprietors refused to meet the terroristic demands. The Police carried out a relentless campaign of investigation and search, and were involved in more than one gun duel with these well armed, skilfully organised gangsters. But

eventually the Police succeeded in breaking up the gangs, and, supported by the Law in its sternest and most uncompromising mood, this menace to life and property in Hongkong was removed. Clearly the same ruthless hunting down and elimination of the Canton river bandits is demanded. Increased protection and safeguards on the river vessels can help in maintaining the internal safety of these ships during the trips and can reduce the danger of armed piracy. But these additional guards are helpless against the machinations of river bandits who, operating from Chinese territory, are able to lay mines in the channels whenever they feel so disposed. A Canton report says that the authorities have intensified their river patrols by placing two gunboats on duty and stationing one company of troops along the banks of the river where shipping is most vulnerable. This may have the desired effect, although the action can hardly be described as an all-out attempt to destroy the bandit gangs. Two things are obvious: the gangsters are well organised, and they are operating from hide-outs along the river banks. Punitive expeditions appear to be called for in dealing with the situation. The presence of a mere company of soldiers and the movements of two patrol gunboats are not likely to dissuade the bandits from their cruel depredations. The vulnerable parts of the river must be combed along both banks and then garrisoned. The constant presence of purposeful troops along the river banks would probably be the most effective means of suppressing the activities of the bandits and in the meantime the Kwangtung security police should be mobilised for an all-out drive to round up the gangsters. River shipping carrying out lawful and peaceful duties must be protected from these bandit gangs and the onus of providing this protection falls on the Chinese authorities.

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PRINTS REGAIN FAVOUR

NEW YORK.—The print silk dress—which appeared to have given up to the polka dot in many dress collections this spring—came into its own in the showings of the New York Dress Institute's semi-annual national press week held recently.

Nettie Rosenstein and Brownie both made up in some measure for the noticeable absence of prints in other collections.

Newest looking of the prints were those printed on shantung and the apparent revived interest in small, widely spaced patterns.

Miss Rosenstein's collection featured wearily full-skirted dresses and slim-skirted suits, with lots of emphasis, as always on the neckline.

Tiny bolero jackets over bare-shouldered dresses—both alikes and knits—came with short sleeves in back and a cape-like front shoulder with ends which tie into a knot at the centre bustline.

Notable for its absence in this collection was the flared-back high-waisted jacket which has been shown almost everywhere else.

Whatever their basic colours, most Rosenstein prints showed a spot of pink somewhere—the combs of brown roosters on a honey-coloured shantung or the bare behinds of children swimming off a rocky beach on a blue green looking silk.

Candy-Coloured Buttons

Where Brownie didn't use prints, she frequently used fat, candy-coloured buttons, sprinkled everywhere useful on suits and coats. Two skirts were featured particularly in this collection—one with pockets which rolled around the side hipline to be met by the folds of a wide box pleat at both front and back, the other a cutaway over-skirt which billowed out behind. Prints here included one with large ladybugs on small green leaves on a white shantung background and widely spaced strawberries on a black pattern.

Joseph Whitehead made his own colour splashes out of solid cottons and shantung. A hostess gown had a turquoise top and a purple, blue and green skirt. Pale lavender, blue and purple were sewed together for a broadcloth dress; gunmetal, jade and pale grey was another hostess gown.—United Press.

Fashionable New Fabrics



By ALICE ALDEN

INTERESTING WEAVES and beautiful print and colour schemes add pleasure to the spring sartorial parade. From one of New York's topflight designers, Samuel Kass, comes a delightful dress and jacket costume. This fascinating shadow print crepe is patterned with wavy hearts in pink on brown. The dress has a short-sleeved bodice, and back-draped skirt. A small, stiffened bow of the fabric is brought outside of the jacket and buttoned to a peplum that dips in a point in back.

New Hats Are on the Up and Up



Nicole de Paris

By PRUNELLA WOOD

If we should meet a hat with a certain ardour of bows in the middle of Nepal, we know it at once that Nikki turned out. Not that one needs go so far; any clear day, anywhere, Nikki's hats are plainly visible to the naked eye, just to mention one group habitat.

Here we have two bowed hats of typical talent. At the left, a draped

beret of white straw cloth goes up and up with its bows of black straw cloth, chic accent to the springtime tailleur. At the right, pink taffeta of soft wood hue, encrusted with a velvet motif, is piled into a bow drape effect, and set off with glycerined ostrich plumes which open the precious numidi, a forbidden game plume.

A "REVOLUTION" IN BRITISH SHOPPING

(BY THE TELEGRAPH'S LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 25.

SHOPPING has been a nightmare to the British housewife since the early days of the war. Apart from the worry of feeding her family on meagre rations, she has to waste precious time in long queues, ending, not infrequently, on the opposite side of the counter to a bad-tempered sales assistant. But, with typical stoicism, she has come to accept these things as part of the normal routine of her life.

Now, at last, officialdom has given her some hope of at least a partial improvement in this situation. The Ministry of Food

—which she is rather inclined to regard as her natural enemy—

and the Ministry of Works announced this week that they will permit a limited number of grocery stores to be adopted to the "self-service" system. Although this system has long been in general use in the United States and some parts of the British Empire, it is still practically unknown in Britain.

Proves Popular

Up to now, building restrictions and the shortages of packing materials have prevented the system from becoming widely adopted, but initial experiments have proved the system not only workable but also extremely popular with housewives. No doubt the "self-service" habit will catch on just as quickly as the cafeteria system did during the war.

There are only two "self-service" grocery stores in London at present. One of them was opened a month ago in Woolwich by the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society—as an experiment. In a month, sales have almost doubled and housewives are finding this method of shopping a welcome change after the everlasting queues and the indifference of harassed assistants.

They collect a wire basket as they enter the store and select their purchases from neatly arranged shelves. There is no hurry and no fuss. When they leave, a cashier checks their goods and takes the money—and the coupons, when required.

In fact, the "Woolwich experiment" has proved so successful that the R.A.C.S. are busy converting a bigger store in Tooting which they expect to open shortly.

Wherever the system has been tested, traders have reported their entire satisfaction with it. They say it not only eliminates queues (and thus saves time and tempers), but effects a great economy in their overhead expenses.

Adapting Premises

The relaxation of building restrictions will allow these experiments to be carried out under more favourable conditions—but a limit to what a trader will be allowed to spend on adapting his premises to the "self-service" system has been fixed at £3,000.

Although the only two "self-service" stores at present in London are run by big multiple traders, small shopkeepers have not been ignored. They will be granted building licences for structural alterations in proportions agreed between the Ministries and the trade associations.

But, of course, there is nothing to prevent a small shopkeeper switching to the "self-service" system if his premises can be adapted without alterations involving expenditure exceeding the present £300 a year limit for ordinary building purposes.

Useful Tray Saves Steps

By ELEANOR ROSS

WE know one wise woman who always knows what to select when she has to buy a gift for a wedding, an anniversary, or a house-warming. Once she knows the type of house or the type of household, off she goes to choose a tray.

She maintains, and we believe, rightly, that there never yet was a household with too many trays, and that if women made more and better use of trays, they would be less tired and their work easier and more efficient. Her kitchen is well stocked with light, washable trays, and she even has a special section for their storage, within easy reach, for these is scarcely an hour during the busy days that she doesn't take one from the rack.

When preparing fruit cocktails, tomato juice, or a seafood cocktail first course for dinner, she places the glasses on a tray which she pops into a specially cleared shelf in the refrigerator. Come dinner, out comes the whole tray and into the dining room, saving countless steps. Same idea works well with chilled or cold desserts, too. Try it for a real time and step saver! Same way, when ready to set the table, glassware,

china, silver, etc., are placed on a tray and carried to the dining room.

When it is silver cleaning time, she stacks all the silver on a big tray, together with the cleaning agents with which she works.

Then there is a tray dedicated to hold all the fixings when citrus juice is prepared. Oranges, lemons, are cut on the tray, and, together with the juicer and the glasses makes a neat, compact unit from which to work, and much less to clean up after the somewhat messy job is concluded.

Place a towel on a big tray and it is ready to hold pressing jars and glasses waiting to be filled. Good, too, for processed containers being cooled. And when you have a baking session, place all the ingredients on a tray, and use another tray when sifting flour. It eases the cleaning-up job afterwards. When putting the living room to rights take a tray along to hold ash trays, coasters and glasses that have to be cleaned. And when you do the flowers, place them on a tray for cutting, trimming and sorting.

What to Do for Oily Skin



A special cleansing cream along with a tissue softening cream, skin freshener, beauty lotion and sample of face powder are all contained in a kit designed for people with oily skin.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If given a choice between a thick and foamy, rubbed into dry and an oily skin, almost any woman would accept the latter. Only warm water will save it away but, after the warm rinsing there should be a cold one. Ice friction is recommended; followed by the use of an astringent. Witch hazel will serve.

The real cure must come from within. It is the fat in the diet that speeds up the work of the glands. Cut down on butter; you probably eat more of it than you need anyway. Don't be tempted to take cream in your coffee or in desserts.

The diet must include plenty of vegetables and green salads. Start the day with a glass of orange or tomato juice that will provide vitamins. Drink plenty of water. If the skin is chapped and it is necessary to use a soothing cream, do not leave it on over night.

A change of soap may be helpful. The latter should be



Ideas for a Bridge Luncheon

ONE of the high spots in our visit to Miami was the visit to a bridge party given us.

The refreshments were so attractive you might duplicate them for a bridge party or club meeting.

Trays of big glasses of golden-orange juice were passed, ice cream and frothy from the juicing. And at intervals down the long table at which we sat for a general discussion, were alternating glass platters of canapés and petits fours.

Canapé Platter Assortment

Each canapé platter was centred with a basket cut from a large green lime, and filled with sprigs of parsley. Around were arranged cornucopias of thin slices of salmon, folded around a short roll of cream cheese mixed with chopped chives and mushrooms. Halved stuffed eggs seasoned with curry were decorated with grated carrot and red caviar. Thin finger-lengths of toast were a thin spread of black caviar, with edges of cream cheese piped around by a pastry tube. More fingers of toast with fillets of anchovy and sliced stuffed olives, with an edge of stiff mayonnaise, also pastry-tubed. Round toast canapés had a mound of liver paste in the centre, bordered with chopped parsley and hard-cooked eggs.

All of these canapés are easily made and can stand two or three hours before serving. But as the Chef observed, "It is the clever use of the pastry bag that gives that professional touch." (A trick any housewife can learn by practice).

Petits Fours

You know what these are?—little French cakes, delicious but at the same time easy to make. The Chef says, "For a party of eight make up 2 roasts, 2 white cakes, or use 2 chocolate cakes. Oil 2 (7" x 11") pans and line with waxed paper. Pour in the batter, making 1/4" deep. Spread even. Bake 20 mins. at 375 F. Cool 10 mins. Then turn out on waxed paper and cool in heavy for hot sandwiches Monday noon. Forget lamb that night at dinner and serve cheese soufflé. Wednesday also and serve the cold lamb with steaming Spanish rice and creamed spinach. Thursday make a thick lamb and barley soup from the three colours of cold, flavoured, raspberry, orange and chocolate. Place on waxed paper in harden. When the icing begins

Serve Fish Often

Use fish at least twice a week.

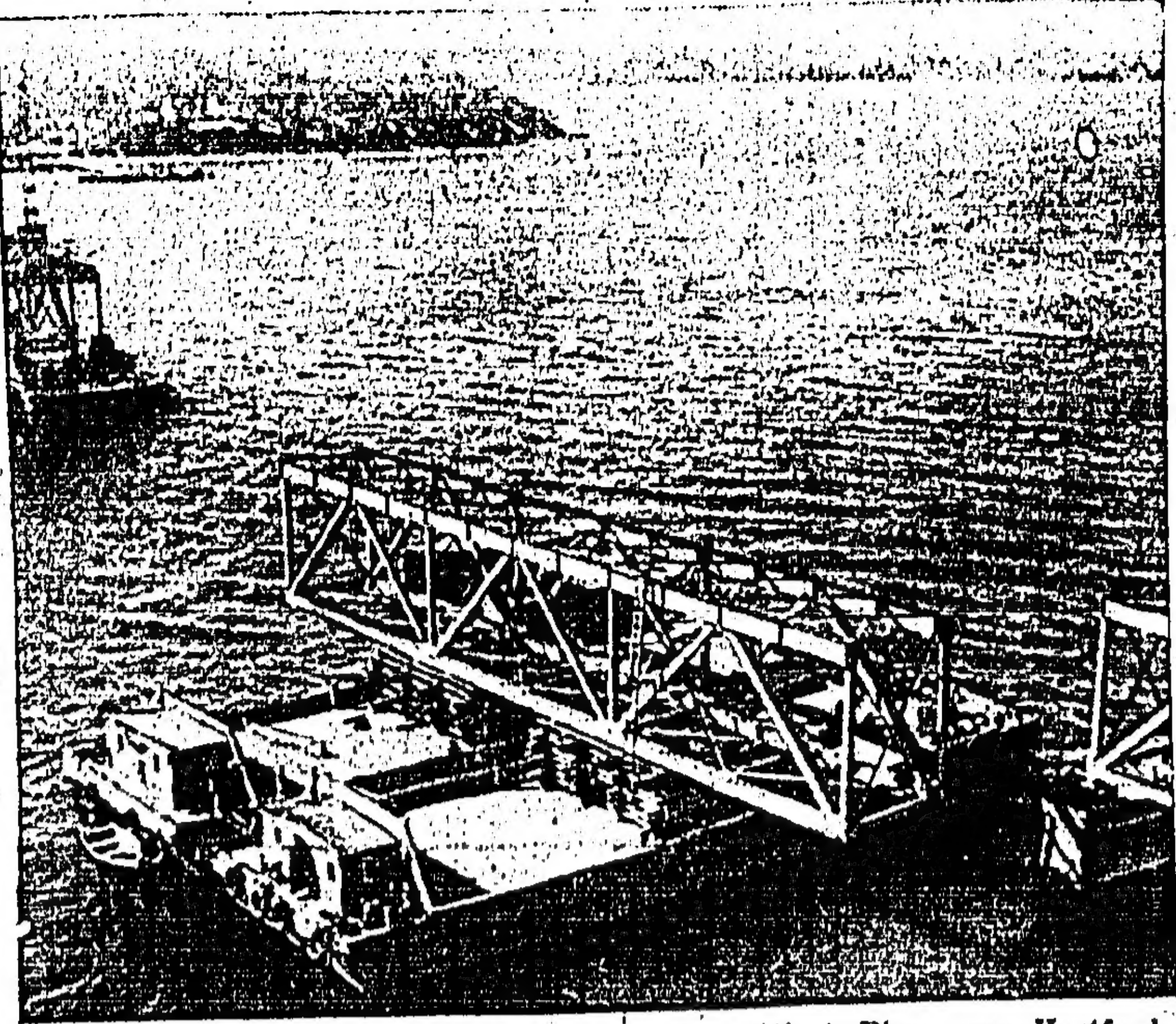
Learn to use kitchen equipment to save money; for instance, more oven, steamer and pressure cooker meals.

Use bacon rinds and make "bacon bits" for seasoning.

Here's a routine suggested: Occasionally buy a big roast of lamb for Sunday to last three or four days. Have the butcher cut off enough chops to serve Tuesday. When carving the roast, take out the moist part (the chops), best, wrap up, refrigerate or deep freeze, and save to be sliced and used later.

Quickly use up the tidbits from carving so they won't dry out. For instance, chop and heat in gravy for hot sandwiches Monday noon. Forget lamb that night at dinner and serve cheese soufflé. Wednesday also and serve the cold lamb with steaming Spanish rice and creamed spinach. Thursday make a thick lamb and barley soup from the three colours of cold, flavoured, raspberry, orange and chocolate. Place on waxed paper in harden. When the icing begins

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



MAKING A CHANGE—At the mouth of the Connecticut River, near Hartford, a section of a drawbridge is floated away on barges. Flooded with water, the barges were manoeuvred under the section, then emptied. When they rose in the water, planks on the barge decks pushed up against the section and freed it from the bridge.



WHAT'S ALL THIS?—Marilyn Stevenson, five months old, looks bewildered as she arrives at New York's LaGuardia Field with her mother. They are en route to Ecorse, Michigan, where her English father, William Stevenson, is working in a car factory.



NIGHT LIFE—While fellow fire-fighters enter the building at all levels from the fire escape, a fireman, foreground, prepares to climb to the roof of a theatre on New York's Eighth Avenue. The blaze was of undetermined origin.



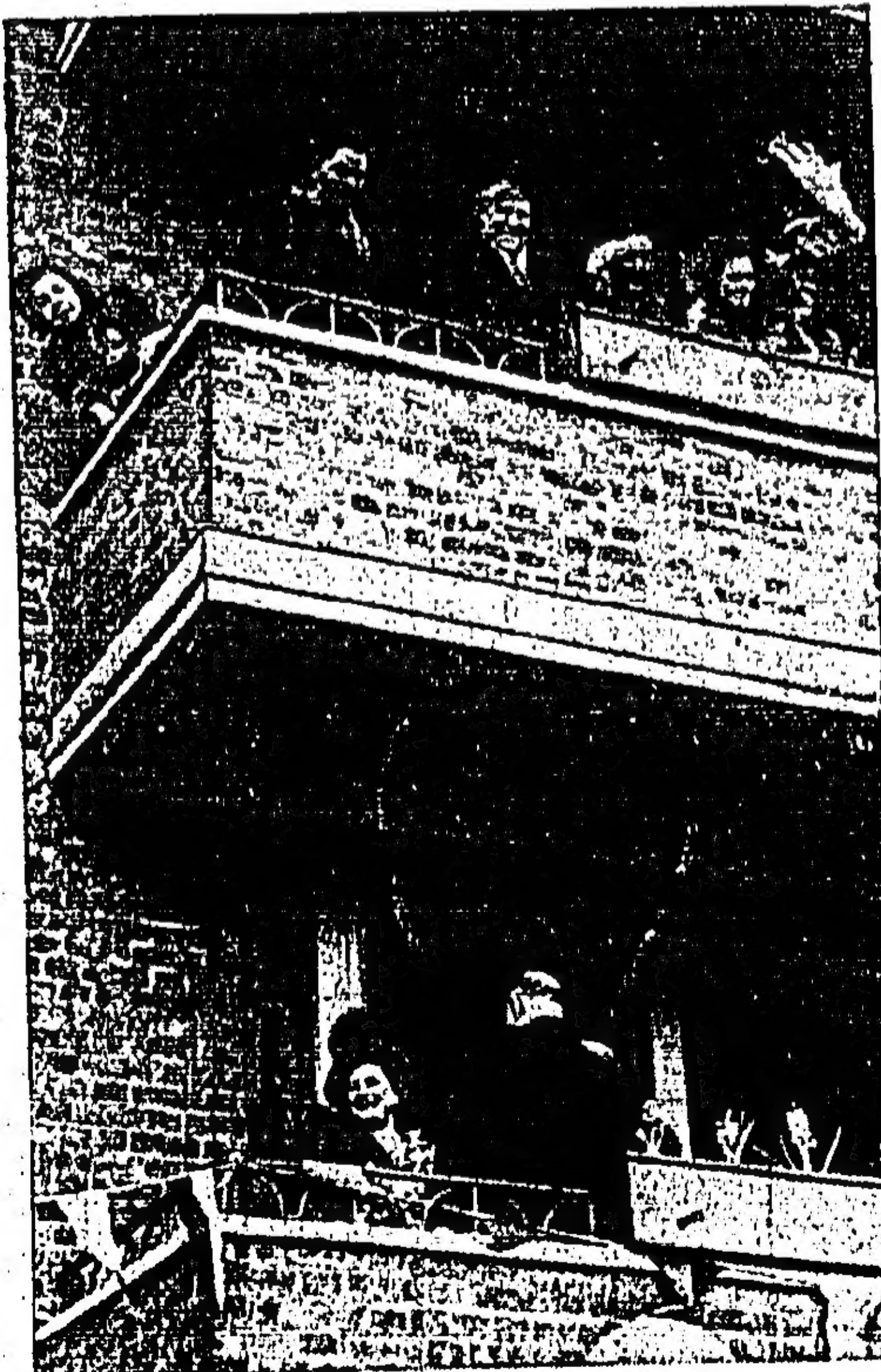
DISABLED WELDER—An amputee veteran of Chicago, Illinois, in training at a welding school, demonstrates his ability at the Chicago Production Show. The loss of a hand does not prevent him from becoming an expert welder.



LEAVING FAST—When the Big Blue River overflowed its banks at Beatrice, Nebraska, trucks, cars and all available means of transport were used for evacuating the town. The crowds in the background are seeking some means of transport to higher and safer ground as the flood waters continue to rise.



WORKING HIGH—These attired men are tying hop lines in Kent. This picturesque method of farming is rapidly disappearing from the English scene as modern methods and machines increase agricultural output.



DIFFERENT GREETINGS—As Queen Elizabeth waves from a balcony in London, while inspecting some new flats, other occupants signal to some of their friends from above.



TUBE STATION—When completed, this will be the Colosseum station of the Rome underground railway. Labourers have been working full time to ensure its completion in 1950, in order to relieve the overcrowded situation of the city's tube system.



NEW USE—Parisian Jeanne Desses uses a cross-check scarf as a flat peplum, swings it around into a pannier, then brings it up over the left shoulder.

JOAN BLONDELL,

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This is a tale of GREED & DOUBLE-DEALING

by JAMES CAMERON

Buenos Aires, Mar. 21. HERE among the fleshpots one heard of yet another British meat cut as a thing almost unintelligibly far away—and negligible.

This is the land of meat: one sees it, smells it, cuts it, argues it. Right now that lost two-pennyworth for many weeks is browning on grills, turning on spits, lying on tables, and being tipped casually into dustbins all around.

Yet there are meat ships sailing away, empty; the great frigorificos of Buenos Aires are packing no flesh for Britain to-day.

Before explaining why, I might say that this is all a good deal sadder to write than you might think. For the visitor to Buenos Aires life is full of doubts and hazards.

Even if he avoids political trouble and escapes disaster from the world's most terrifying traffic, he has still to face the ordeal of the eating house.

The Argentine's excuse—when, in her mood of inordinate national conceit, she bothered to make any—were offhand and specious.

The arch-finder Miranda, the corpulent little multi-millionaire who ran the Argentine's finances as a sideline to his own tinplate business, claimed vaguely drought, labour trouble.

But Miranda, who eventually turned out to be too fantastic a financier even for Peron, was not telling the truth. The Argentine has not got the meat to honour her contract because:—

- (A) SHE is eating it herself;
 (B) SHE is flogging it on the side to other customers; and
 (C) SHE is in the frame of mind to be difficult and to drive a high bargain with a hard-pressed Britain.

They eat more

THE Argentines, who adore meat, are now themselves consuming rather more than four times what they export.

There is a Government subsidy for home consumption meat, and steers are now being killed off at 300 kilos instead of going to the frigorificos at the export weight of 500 kilos.

General Peron approves highly of this. He has already made a speech saying he would rather his people ate their fill of meat and exported only 10 percent of their production, instead of 30 percent, as now—a typical example of the woolly rhetoric with which Peron involves his politics and economics.

Incidentally, British people here seldom refer to Juan Domingo Peron by name. He is known allusively, by a straight translation of his first two names, as John Sunday. This is a phenomenon well enough known in countries with as many ears as the Argentine.

The other reason why John Sunday's Government, living as it does in a world of lunatic economics, has failed in the British meat contract is that she has been selling elsewhere—to Belgium, Italy, Holland—without reference to whether she could still do that and honour her obligations to Britain.

Argentine has been selling meat on the hoof over the Andes to Chile. She has emptied her balance before she has paid off.

This all squares up with the optimistic political conceit of John Sunday Peron and his good lady, the ineffable Eva, who does not like the British pringos, and would love to find a market to replace them.

The United States has almost refused to buy Argentine meat, and the shady deals with the Continent are part of the comeback.

Meanwhile, Britain, which ate 2,700,000 tons of beef 10 years ago, when her population was 47 million, now has a population of three million more eating 600,000 tons less.

One of the hardest things to find out in this city of argument and impasses is what is happening to the Anglo-Argentine trade talks which have been going on since February 22.

The little knots of baffled Englishmen are still scattered around the city, but from their offices comes only a faint troubled hum, of which the only distinguishable words are "beef" and "dollars."

The inference is that they are getting nowhere fast.

Lack of faith

THEY are discussing, or supposed to be discussing a five-year commercial agreement. They have as background for their wrangling a presumable lack of good faith in the Argentine, and that credit balance of some £65 million which the Argentine holds in Britain.

This sterling credit has the faculty of maddening the Argentine financiers to a high degree. Since the Argentine is otherwise in a pitiable economic mess, in the red to the United States to the tune of 300 million odd dollars, they bug and worry this sterling balance as their only cash asset.

They cry constantly that it must be made available in dollars; for a week very little has come out of the trade talks but a shrill squeal for convertibility.

This, of course, will not occur; it may take long enough before that fact is faced—that the currency of Britain is the pound.

and the currency of the Argentine is the peso, and much cocoa-coloured water will now down the Rio de la Plata before any Marshall dollars flow down the Calle Cangallo of Buenos Aires.

If the Argentines had shown any signs of behaving like well-meaning world citizens, one could weep for the deplorable chaos of their economy. No figures have been published for six months; the country bitterly assumes that magnate Miranda kept the books in his head. The rigid system of export-imports imposed in 1947 goes on, there is practically no flow of trade at all.

In the past the Argentine always sold to Britain three times more than she bought from Britain at all.

Not being sold

SO the meat Britain was expecting has not turned up because it was being eaten here, because it has been sold outside, and because there is no delectable element of goodwill in the transaction at all.

Somewhere, between nationalism and necessity, there must be a better way of doing business than that.

And for me now there awaits no coupon, no "coupon" order, only the prospect, the intimidating challenge—just once more of a baby beef a la cabana.

RADAR FOR SWEDEN IS HELD UP

From SELKIRK PANTON in Stockholm

BRITAIN has delayed delivery of millions of pounds' worth of radar equipment which the Swedes want for their armed forces.

The Swedes have had no explanation for the delay. But they believe there are three reasons for it:—

1. American policy that arms should not be supplied to neutral European States and to those who stay out of the Atlantic Pact.
2. American criticism of Britain for selling Vampire jet fighters to Sweden.
3. A recent statement by Swedish Defence Minister Volgt that in wartime Sweden might have to use arms supplied by Britain and America to shoot down British and U.S. planes violating her neutrality.

Both Norway and Denmark, desperately in need of arms, and both joining the Atlantic

William Hickey

London. WHO will spare a tear for LORD GRETTON—his life and hard times?

His lordship—the 46-year-old director of one of the famous Burton brewery companies—is trying to struggle along on £800,000, all that is left after death duties of the £2 million his father left him in 1947.

With that sum Lord Gretton is doing his best to maintain Stapleford Park, Melton Mowbray, in the heart of the hunting country.

Like the Mountbattens before him, he is finding it tough going. Fifty gardeners and servants, 600 acres of grazing land, and a further 3,400 acres sub-let to tenant farmers, constitute a high upkeep bill. His neighbours in the hunting country look on his labours with sympathy. They

are the ordinary people hereabouts cast down by this chill wind which blows over the Quorn?

Not much. . . .

LESSON in modesty; SIR DONALD BAILEY, lecturer to the Supply Ministry, had to refer about 100 times to his famous bridge. Each time he said, formally, "The Bailey Bridge," never once slipped into "my bridge."

TO TOWN came the most highly paid brains of the British composing world—they make £50,000 a year between the five of them—for a lesson in music-making.

There was ARTHUR BLISS, who composed the famous ballet "Miracle in the Gorbals"; WILLIAM (Henry V. and Hamlet) WALTON, with his new Argentine bridge, floppy-tied ALAN RAWSTHORNE, ex-Army sergeant whose violin concerto is now an American rage; the "precious" HUMPHREY SEARLE, who puts on those Third Programme recitals, and ELIZABETH LUTYENS, daughter of the late SIR EDWIN LUTYENS, who thinks up complicated modernistic preludes while cooking the meals for her five children.

What they brought them away from the composing bench? An opera at the Albert Hall called "WOZZECK," by an Austrian named ALBAN BERG. It sounds simple when you read the plot: a misfit Army recruit murders his sweetheart from jealousy, then throws himself in a pond. But the music! It is 12-toned, which means that it has no recognizable harmony, and it wails and screams like a dervish dance.

What did the high-toned, quaint think of it? "Fascinating but complicated," they said is the artist's habit at the end. But lots of the 4,000 members of

the paying audience looked stunned at first, then stayed to clap for ten minutes.

THERE is a clash of opinion to explain the RITA HAYWORTH flop in the "Loves of Carmen," taken off after three lukewarm weeks in the West End.

ON OUR LEFT, The Moralists—who have been as public disapprover for the star's spectacular sprees before instead of after her marriage to the man she travelled with.

ON OUR RIGHT, The So-Called Realists—who say simply: "Dreadful film—that's all. Put her in a good one and they'll roll up all right, morals or no morals."

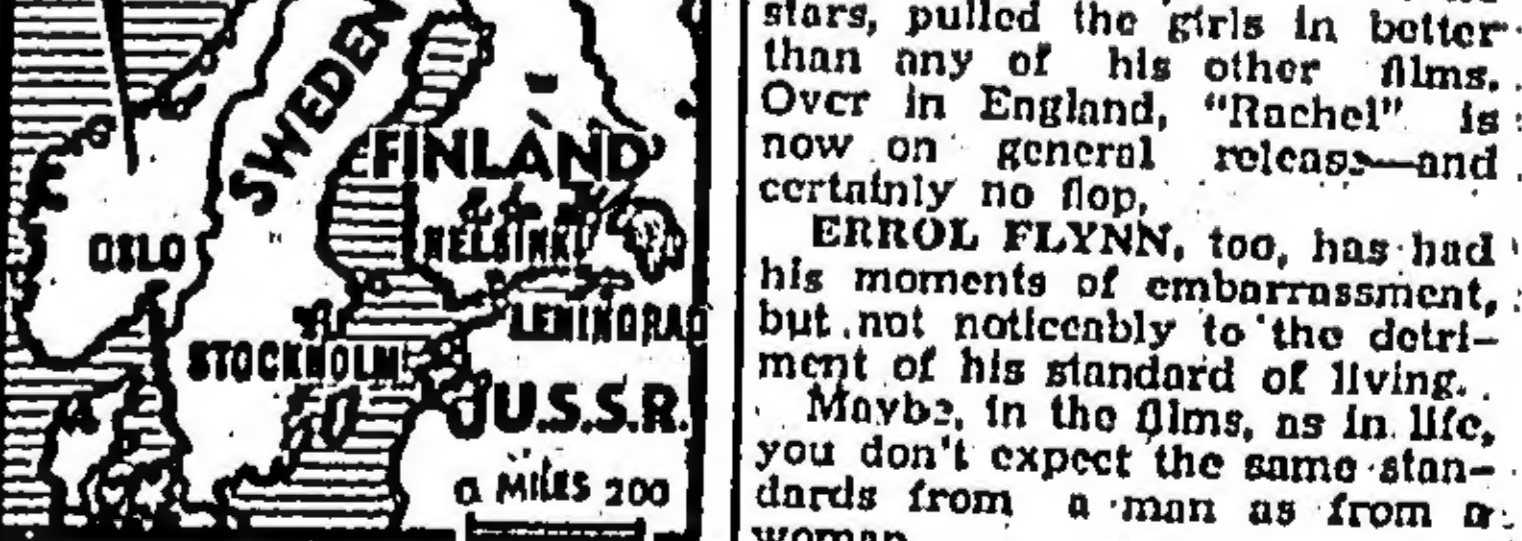
The Realists have a strong case. "Carmen" took a towel from the critics. Practically alone among them LEONARD MOSLEY at least praised by faint damns.

The Realists point also to Mr. Mitchell's "Cigarette" to whom the adjective "droop-eyed" now goes as automatically as "Swan" with "Edgar"—has found that a good sentence for smoking drug cigarettes can be a great boost to business in America.

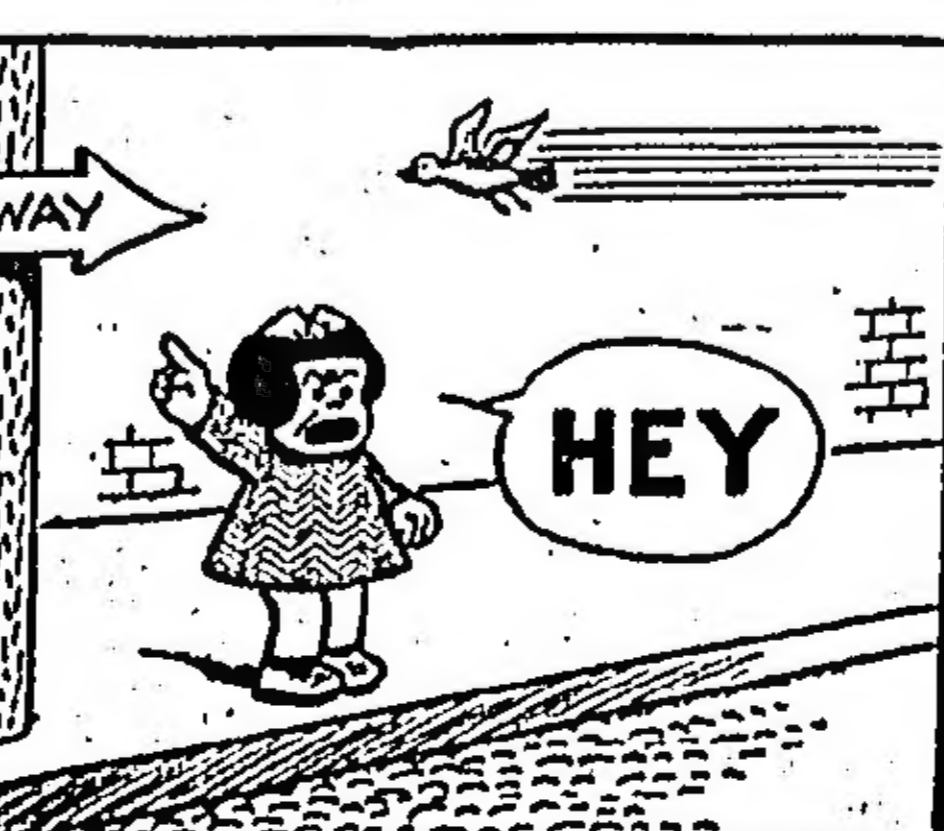
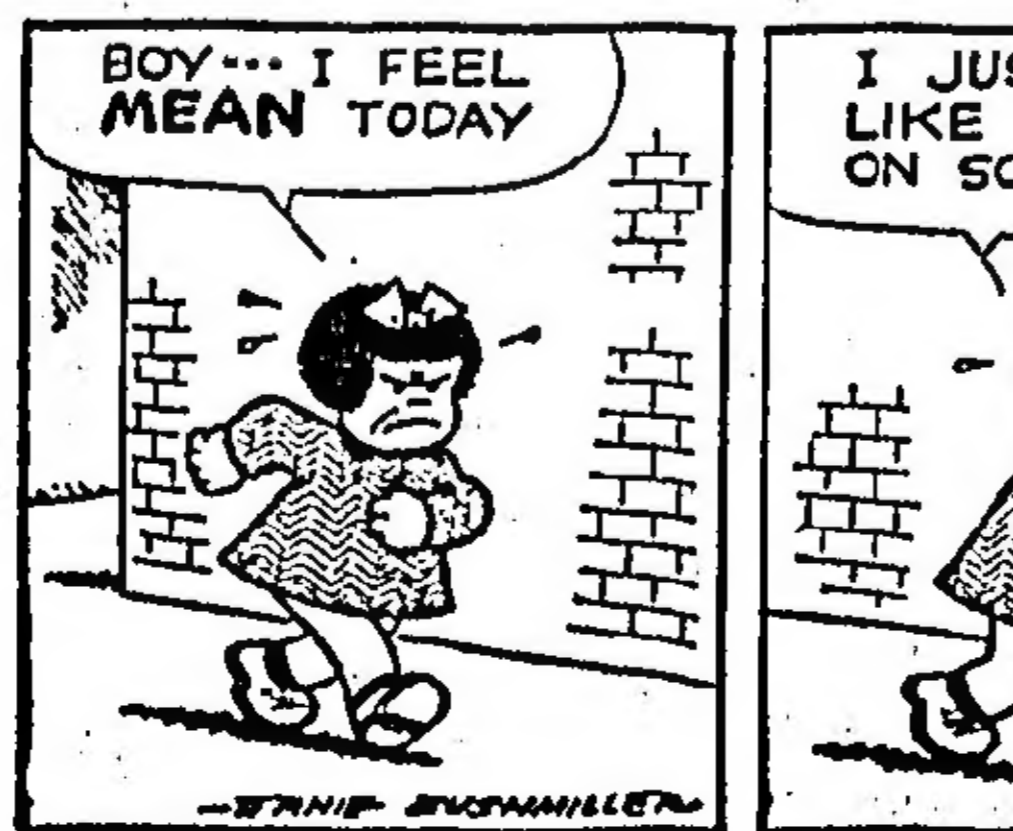
Over in England, "Rachel" is now on general release—and certainly no flop.

ERROL FLYNN, too, has had his moments of embarrassment, but not noticeably to the detriment of his standard of living.

Maybe, in the films, as in life, you don't expect the same standards from a man as from a woman.



NANCY Caught on the Fly



By Ernie Bushmiller.



GOLDEN GLOVES BOXING

BUCKS OUTCLASSES
TOMMY SCOLLINSPulling Awarded An
Unpopular Decision

By "KAYO CURLY"

Boxing fans who packed the China Fleet Club Theatre on Saturday night to witness the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament were treated to an evening of tall and fancy slugging when a seven-fight card provided abundant thrills and tension-packed ring drama.

Every fight on the programme was highlighted by action-jammed battles which brought the house to its feet on many occasions in expectation of a knockout finish.

A capacity crowd jammed the Fleet Club arena for the big fistie show. Fight fans sat through six preliminary bouts and a weight-lifting exhibition before they were brought on to their toes by one of the classiest performances in the local ring in postwar boxing.

Ramsey Bucks, pride of Hong Kong and son of the famous Iron Box of local renown, contested an easy points decision over Petty Officer Tommy Scollins of HMS "London" in the main bout of the night. Bucks was poetry in motion as he bobbed and weaved away from his opponent's sporadic attacks and then countered with lightning two-fisted assaults on his rival's head and body.

Bucks put in a scintillating performance of footwork, ring craft, two-fisted punching, and dodging which completely outclassed, and outwitted his slower opponent.

There was no doubt after the initial round what the final decision would be. Bucks sized up Scollins in the first stanza in an evenly fought round and then proceeded to run away with the fight in the next five cantos to chalk up an easy points decision.

Bucks scaled in at 135½ lbs. at going time while Scollins tipped the balance at 132 lbs. The buzz of the expectant crowd filled the arena as the two combatants received instructions from Referee Bill Storrie.

FIRST ROUND

The first round saw Bucks cautiously weighing his opponent's style before he commenced his attack on Scollins' face in brief two-fisted attacks. Bucks was greasing lightning in the ring and backed away from several rushes by the hefty-punching Scollins on numerous occasions during this canto.

Scollins got in several wallop-ang clouts to Bucks' face but missed several haymakers as the speedy Bucks eluded him. No fighters were on the offensive when the bell clanged to end an even round.

SECOND ROUND

Bucks came out for the second canto and immediately tagged Scollins with several concentrated jabbing forays to the head. He caught Scollins on the right eye with a stinging wallop which apparently weakened his opponent.

Ramsey began to find weak links in his rival's defence and proceeded to hammer away at the soft spots. The fighters were locked in several clinches and the crafty Ramsey took advantage of these tangles to punish his rival with a thumping body attack. This was Bucks' round.

THIRD ROUND

Ramsey came "aring out" for the third canto with gusto and continued his concentrated punishing attacks on Scollins' eyes and head. Short jabs began to soften Scollins.

Bucks drew a big ovation from the crowd when he skillfully dodged away from Scollins when the latter forced him to the ropes and was moving in for a slugfest.

Bucks bounced off the ropes just when Scollins uncocked his punches and reinitiated with a stinging jab offensively on Petty Officer's head. Bucks also won this round going away.

FOURTH ROUND

The fourth round rolled up and here Bucks began his systematic assaults on his opponent and began to weaken him for an expected Kayo. Scollins was sluggish in this canto and appeared to have tired considerably while Bucks was still full of vitality. In fact, Scollins was moving around the ring in a dazed condition and was easy prey for Bucks' speedy forays. Bucks' round again.

FIFTH ROUND

Bucks waded in for the kill at the sound of the fifth gong. He bashed Scollins on the head with clever jabs and short punches. Scollins appeared to

be out on his feet but rallied strongly towards the end of the canto to jostle Bucks with several whalloping smashes to the face.

The crowd was yelling for a knyo but Bucks was still waiting for a good opening to dust off his groggy opponent. Had he been more alert, Ramsey would have finished the bout in this round. However, he took the canto in grand style.

FINAL ROUND

The sixth and final round brought the tense crowd to its feet yelling for action and they got their money's worth. Bucks went to town in this stanza and hammered away at his leg-weary rival at ease.

Scollins maintained his stout guard against the withering assault dished up by his superior opponent and even came back to land several volleys to Bucks' head.

Bucks, however, finished up strongly in a whirlwind blitzkrieg which battered his gase rival to a standstill. The decision went to Bucks hands down.

It was a popular victory and fully deserved. Credit must go to Trainer Skelly Ruzalek and Seconds Sherry Bucks and Leonard Elarte for their capable management of their slugging hero.

\$64 QUESTION

Local boxing fans were given a rare opportunity of comparing the performance of Bob Pulling, pride of the Royal Navy and erstwhile undefeated champ of local boxing, and Bucks on the same light card.

Pulling won an unpopular decision from A. B. Chance in a prelude to the main bout. The relative exhibitions dished up by Pulling and Bucks thrown into the melting pot of boxing bring up the \$64 question of the moment. Can Pulling stand up to Bucks in the local ring?

MALIG V. O'SHEA

Hongkong's boxers drew first blood when the fight card commenced. Alfred Malig (136) whipped Gunner O'Shea (139) of the Royal Artillery.

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LIU V. PRIEST

Fifteen-year-old Liu Hong-kong, son of local sportsman C. Que and trained by Bob Pulling, scored a popular points triumph over A. B. Priest of HMS "Bellfast" in the second bout of the evening.

Liu, fighting southpaw, concentrated on his opponent's midriff with great effect and had Priest on the verge of a kayo at the final bell.

Liu was fast and walloped his rival with some thumping clouts which softened Priest. Liu should go a long way in local ring history.

WILLIAMS V. UPJOHN

The third fight was featured by a TKO. Petty Officer Williams (180) of HMS "London," in the heavyweight class, put George Upjohn down for the kayo in the third round after he had severely punished his rival in the earlier cantos.

Williams knocked Upjohn down for a brief count in the third and then applied the clincher almost immediately to put his rival flat on the canvas.

SILVA V. CHANTER
The fourth bout was marred by a disqualification. Tony Silva of Hongkong, and LSA Chantier of HMS "Hart" were mixing it up in fine fashion when Referee Bill Storrie awarded the fight to Chantier, disqualifying Silva for hitting with the open glove after he had been warned twice.

WEIGHT-LIFTING
During the interval between bouts, 23-year old Valentine Knige, son of the popular sports figure, L. Knige, gave a spectacular weight-lifting exhibition.

Val lifted 192 lbs. three times on the two-hand snatch millitary two-hand press and the two-hand clean jerk.

His performance made him the only weight lifter in the Colony who has lifted 192 lbs. It was a peak exhibition and Knige was awarded a special cup presented by the Hon. P. S. Cassidy for his first public appearance. Knige also gave a fine exhibition of muscular control.

YEUNG V. REEVE
The fifth bout was a slugfest. The Hongkong Police's Wing-ol took severe punishment from Leading Patrolman Reeve of HMS "Tamar" but also dished out punishment to his opponent. Two weary fighters finished the bout with Reeve winner by a points decision. Yeung was a good loser.

PULLING V. CHANCE
Bob Pulling was given a rude shock in the sixth fight. Pitted against A. B. Chance, Pulling won the first round on his speedy jabbing attacks to Chance's head.

Chance began to concentrate in closing Pulling's left eye in the second canto and went about his task patiently and warily. It was an even round.

The third round began in whirlwind fashion. Chance was a tiger in the ring. He gave Pulling no quarter, and drew blood by opening a deep gash over the eye.

Chance finished up strongly and had Pulling on the run when the final bell clanged. The decision was a point in favour of Pulling and was thought that Chance had been given a raw deal.

At the conclusion of the fight card, the Hon. D. W. Macintosh, OBE, was introduced by Mr. Marcus de Silva, and presented prizes to all boxers taking part in the programme.

Bill Storrie performed his refereeing task well and was ably assisted by Judges Squadron Leader Walker, Mr. T. H. Bowman, and Mr. L. A. Seales of the Hongkong Police.

Mr. J. C. Grenham was Master of Ceremonies. The Golden Gloves boxing promoters had a very successful night on Saturday and are looking forward to staging another bigger fistie show in the near future. Boxing is fast being put back on the local sports map.

Mister Conquest



NEW TENNIS STARS



Nancy Chaffee (left) Ventura, Calif., and Gertrude Moran, Santa Monica, California, smile with happiness after reaching the finals in the women's national indoor tennis championships held in New York.—AP Wirephoto.

Colony Players One Up
In Exhibition Tennis

The Exhibition tennis matches against the Indo-China players at the Chinese Recreation Club over the week-end saw Hongkong win three of five games, largely through an excellent display by the Colony Champion, Ip Koon-hung, who beat both Van Sau and Duong in singles matches.

Ip beat Van Sau, Indo-China's Number One and a top grade player by French national standards, 8-6, 6-3 yesterday. On Saturday he beat Duong, a Class II player by French national standards, 6-3, 6-0.

Both Van Sau and Duong have had a fair amount of experience against players of international tournament calibre and were in demand for tournaments in France where they played these against the best competition.

Both Van Sau and Duong, however, proved superior to the Colony's No. 3, Tsui Yun-pui, who, surprisingly, put up a better show against Indo-China's No. 1, carrying him to three sets to lose 4-6, 6-4, 2-6. Yesterday the younger Tsui lost to Duong by a score of 1-6, 2-6.

BEST YET TO COME

Hongkong is now one match up as a result of Ip Koon-hung and Tsui Wal-pui beating the Indo-China pair 7-5, 6-4.

The best matches of the series are yet to come with the arrival of Dubuc, ranking French player, when there will be two afternoons of the exhibition games at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Wednesday and Thursday.

For these matches, Hongkong will put into the fray the Cambridge half-Blue, W. C. Choy, who has now been here for some time but has not taken part in the Colony Championships. Choy is a player of international standard. Recently, he proved too good for the Singapore Singles Champion on a visit there.

Austrians Beat Swiss

Lausanne, Apr. 3.—Austria beat Switzerland by two goals to one in a soccer international here today. At half-time Austria was leading by one goal to nil. Habitzel scored both, Austria's goals, and Bickel netted for Switzerland.

The match was played in fine weather before 300,000 spectators. Austria, playing with superior skill, deserved their win. Their forwards and halves played with sparkle and cohesion, while the Swiss team did not combine well.—Reuter.

Vienna Draws With Paris

Paris, Apr. 3.—The Vienna Football Club and the Racing Club de Paris drew at two goals each at the Colombes Stadium here today. At half-time, Vienna led by two goals to zero. Hartl and Sobotta scored for Vienna and Ledue and Vnaet for the Racing Club.—Reuter.

The Week-End
Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

SENIOR SHIELD FINAL

S. China "A" 5 KMB 3

JUNIOR SHIELD FINAL

Kitchee 3 S. China 1

FIRST DIVISION

Kitchee 5 Police 3

Eastern 3 Army 5

St. Joseph's 1 K.M.B. 3

C.A.A. 3 S.C. "B" 1

SECOND DIVISION

S. China 1 Kitchee 2

Navy 17 W.D. Chinese 0

St. Joseph's 2 Tramways 5

K.M.B. 3 Talkoo 0

Army H.K.C. 5 Solicitors 0

HOCKEY

Recreio 2 Dockyard 0

YMCA 2 Police 0

Recreio 2 YMCA 0

Khalas 2 Dockyard 0

O & W 1 Civil Service 2

Army 4 Dutch Hill 1

SOFTBALL

HONG LEAGUE

Gibb 13

Soony 12 Livingston 13

APL 12 Musicians 11

Shell 14 Caltex 4

Recreio Win In Hockey League

Club de Recreio, by defeating Dockyard RC and the YMCA each by three goals to nil over the week-end have finished top of the Hockey Association table and are champions with one game still in hand.

Recreio have now won 18 of 21 games, drawn two and lost one, scoring 69 goals and having eight scored against them, for a total of 80 points.

All this seems to spell the beginning of the end of the big money made by London's "spivs"—the elaborately dressed gentlemen who congregate outside sporting arenas with shovels of scarce tickets which they are willing to dispose of at the original price, plus a handsome profit for themselves.

A very comfortable living must have been made by some of these on buying and selling sports tickets, but now it looks as if the days of the spivs are numbered. Only they themselves will shed a tear at their passing.—Reuter.

BASKETBALL

Results of League basketball games played over the week-end at Caroline Hill were:

"A" Division:—Kowloon Chinese YMCA beat Szwat Overseas 48-36; Black Cat beat Lau Sing 37-33.

"B" Division:—Chinese Reporters beat Black and White 50-41; HK Chinese YMCA beat Lau Sing 43-33.

Ladies League:—Kowloon Chinese YMCA beat HK Chinese YMCA 12-10.

The match between Kung Man and Heung Tao School was postponed.

French Badminton Championships
Paris, Apr. 3.—Ewe Elong Choong, of Malaya, won the men's singles title in the French international badminton championships here today, beating his fellow countryman, Yot Sun Lau, 15-2, 15-2 in the final.

In the semi-finals Yot beat Yves Baudouin (France) 15-6, 15-8, and Ewe defeated Foo Sun Lau (Malaya) 15-8, 15-5.—Reuter.

Easy Victory For HKCC In
Hancock Shield Match

By "RECORDER"

Though reinforced by Alan Stepto at his fastest and best, the Kowloon Cricket Club lacked the batting against Hongkong Cricket Club in the second match of the Hancock Shield series played over the week-end at Chater Road and lost by 10 wickets.

HKCC won the match twice. First at 12.10 p.m. on Sunday when they passed the KCC first innings total of 131 with four wickets in hand and then again at 5 p.m. when Howard and Franklin scored 28 runs off two overs. It had been agreed that the match would be decided on first innings if two innings could not be completed.

KCC's first innings started with Davidson, their main batting hope, being run out on a bad call with the scoreboard showing 13. With 27 on the board, Archie Zimmern was clean bowled by Mahon while attempting a big hit.

Then the HKCC, always short of bowlers and always experimenting with someone new, put on C. P. Rowe, never made much use of by the Optimists for whom he turns out regularly. Rowe kept a good length with his slow ball coming in on a high trajectory on a fast wicket and, before having completed his 15th over, had claimed seven wickets for 35 runs, four of these clean bowled.

The KCC batting tried hard enough. Barrow, who opened, stayed for 101 minutes for 17 runs. Hart-Baker carried his bat for 22, Webb managed 18 in a brighter knock and Stepto 15. Even the tail wicket, but the innings closed at 131.

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After that, outside of an occasional wide, he was bowling very much on the wicket and his first wicket came with the scoreboard showing seven for the HKCC as for the first time ever he claimed Len Stokes' wicket. A good length ball coming in from leg accounted for Stokes, bending the leg stick right back.

Before the evening was over, Stepto had completed his 100 wickets for the season in one of his best bowling spells in a long time against batting of Interport standard.

Three of the wickets were clean bowled—leg stump in each case. The ball that got Oliver's wickets carried the

ball with it some 30 yards. Never was Stepto faster and seldom has a wicket been so amenable to his fare.

Oliver had scored 31 and Kilbee was undefeated with 23 when stumps were drawn with the HKCC having put up 80 for 4 wickets.

By the time he was leg before to Robbie Lee, he had reached 61. Pearce and Newton followed with 33 and 31 each and it took another spell of Stepto to dislodge them. Stepto finally also claimed Howard to make it seven for 88 in 22.4 overs, a good performance against the type of batsmen who hit rather than poke.

KCC's second innings, starting shortly before 3 p.m., was miserable indeed. It started with Davidson reaching 12 before falling victim to that type of ball from Alice Pearce that shouldn't take a wicket but always does when the KCC is concerned. Teddy Fincher managed to reach nine and Tommy Madar after him reached eight.

Rowe was brought back, accounting for Madar, then Archie Zimmern for a duck, and later Robbie Lee and John Barrow. Neither Webb nor Hart-Baker were up to a double figures contribution, both victims of Pearce, who also took care of the tail for an analysis of five for 19.

It took Howard and Franklin two overs to win the match. They needed 13 runs to do it, but hit up 28 good measure.

KCC—1st Innings
W. M. Davidson, run out ... 5
J. Barrow, b Rowe ... 17
A. Zimmern, b Mahon ... 12
W. D. M. Webb, lbw Rowe ... 18
E. C. Fincher, b Rowe ... 9

KCC—2nd Innings
W. L. Howard, not out ... 14
R. W. Franklin, not out ... 10
Extras ... 4
Total ... 28

BOWLING:
O M R W
Mahon ... 5 2 10 0
Lee ... 5 0 14 1
Cull ... 9 1 41 4
Rowe ... 9 2 19 5
Kerr ... 1 0 11 0

Decline Of The "Spivs"
London, Apr. 3.—There are indications that the postwar boom in attendances at British sporting fixtures is petering out. Big money has passed through the turnstiles, particularly at football and boxing venues since sport got well into its stride after the war, but now, with money tighter, British fans are no longer thronging the entrances to any and every sporting fixture.

Attendances at football, the British public's greatest love, are slumping off more than can be accounted for by the usual end of season decrease in interest. Many people connected with the game in an official capacity predict that average attendances will show an appreciable decrease next season.

In boxing the attitude of "We must see it, whatever the price" is also on the decline. For probably the first time at the London programme since the war, medium priced tickets for the Marcel Cerdan versus Dick Turpin card at Earl's Court this week were on sale at the turnstiles.

All this seems to spell the beginning of the end of the big money made by London's "spivs"—the elaborately dressed gentlemen who congregate outside sporting arenas with shovels of scarce tickets which they are willing to dispose of at the original price, plus a handsome profit for themselves.

A very comfortable living must have been made by some of these on buying and selling sports tickets, but now it looks as if the days of the spivs are numbered. Only they themselves will shed a tear at their passing.—Reuter.

Discus Thrower Becomes Concert Pianist
Paris, Apr. 3.—Michellino Ostermeyer, who won the women's Olympic shot put and discus championships for France last summer, has successfully started on an entirely different career—as a concert pianist.

Miss Ostermeyer, who is 26 and who has been studying music since she was four years old, gave her first important concert last night and received a tremendous ovation at the Salle Gaveau, one of Paris' principal concert halls.

At the Olympics last year, her shotput mark was 45 feet 1½ inches and she hurled the discus 137 feet 6½ inches.—United Press.

Cricket Averages
For All Matches

BATTING:

	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	30	4	1128	110	43.38
J. M. Gosano (University)	17	4	540	122*	41.53
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	25	7	684	89	38.00
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	21	7	467	82	33.35
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	21	6	458	85*	30.63
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	28	4	610	109	23.07
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	23	3	356	78	25.42
Major A. R. Dawe (Army)	21	5	401	79	25.06
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	30	0	750	64	25.00
G. A. Souza, Craignower)	22	5	415	61*	24.41
N. E. Arthy (Optimists)	13	2	263	89*	23.90
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	27	5	525	91	23.86
H. M. Newton (Scorpions)	14	0	323	43	23.07
G. Hong Choy (Craignower)	22	3	418	71	22.00
A/C J. S. Belone (RAF)	15	0	319	66	21.26
W/Cdr A. D. Panton (RAF)	18	3	312	66*	20.80
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	21	3	361	57*	20.05
Major C. R. Murray-Brown (Army)	24	2	431	64	19.59
F. R. Zimmern (KCC)	16	0	308	63	19.22
M. Little (Optimists)	19	1	241	62	16.23
N. Hart-Baker (KCC)	22	3	307	30	16.16
L. T. Hilde (University)	19	4	240	48	16.00
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	27	2	393	48	15.92
A. Zimmern (KCC)	26	0	391	45	15.03

*Not Out. Qualification: 200 runs with an average over 16.00.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Cpl. Hart (Royal Navy)	81	29	204	27	7.55
A. C. D. Graham (RAF)	105	26	323	37	8.72
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	124.1	31	895	97	9.01
J. C. Koh (University)	145.4	17	516	56	9.21
Lt A. Stepto (Army)	124.3	61	1014	103	9.84
Gnr D. Stanton (Army)	305.5	66	808	87	9.30
Dr E. L. Gosano (Recreolo)	280.5	71	540	62	8.71
G. N. Gosano (Recreolo)	138.2	20	334	30	11.13
L/Cpl J. Jones (Army)	107.4	20	421	35	12.03
P. J. Penrice (Recreolo)	295.4	63	837	76	11.01
A. P. Pereira (Scorpions)	115.2	6	450	40	11.25
F/O E. N. Gambrell (RAF)	341.3	73	1000	87	11.40
CPO L. White (Royal Navy)	230.3	04	579	50	11.58
C. T. Rowe (Optimists)	85.5	10	320	28	11.43
P. J. Billimoria (CCC)	263.4	42	872	72	12.11
T. H. Lean (University)	190	30	630	60	10.50
D. McLellan (Optimists)	120.1	12	490	39	12.56
Cpl A. Hodgson (RAF)	274.1	42	500	44	12.25
E. K. E. (KCC)	89.1	32	702	52	13.50
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	118.5	18	410	30	13.66
A. L. Snaith (Optimists)	110.0	21	370	26	14.23
A. el Arcuall, Jr (IRC)	187.2	43	618	43	14.37
G. E. Taylor (KCC)	133.5	27	432	29	14.90
F. P. Mahon (Optimists)	285.0	80	805	58	15.08
T. R. Zimmerm (KCC)	150.5	3	515	30	17.16
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	192.5	9	613	29	17.70
S. M. Mc (Royal Navy)	127.1	20	652	35	18.63
T. Crabtree (Crainigower)	278.1	44	900	47	19.15

Qualification: 20 wickets for an average under 20.00.

NO SENATE VOTE ON ERP EXTENSION

Mr. Hoffman's Warning

Washington, Apr. 3.—On the eve of the expiry of the first year of Marshall aid, the United States Senate last night adjourned until tomorrow without reaching a final vote on the Bill to extend the European Recovery Programme for another year.

The adjournment followed a warning from the Marshall Plan Administrator, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, that the aid authorisations would lapse into a vacuum if the Senate did not act by today.

As the eighth day of the debate closed, the Democratic Senate leader, Senator Scott W. Lucas, of Illinois, said he would press for a final vote on Monday. Senator Harry Cain (Republican, Washington) attacked statements by Mr. Hoffman that Britain was not using American dollars for "social experimentation."

Earlier, Senator Allen J. Elender (Democrat) had pressed an amendment that 25 percent of the money received by European countries through their internal sale of American supplies be used to buy strategic materials for the United States.

In Paris, Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Aid Ambassador-at-large, paid a tribute tonight to the "hard and intelligent work by the Government and people of Western Europe," which had resulted in increased production in factories, mines and agriculture during the past 12 months.

SPLENDID PROGRESS

In a recorded broadcast review of the progress of Marshall Aid during 1948, Mr. Harriman declared that Western Europe had made "splendid progress" towards improving its economic situation. The "hard and intelligent work by the Government and people of Western Europe," which had resulted in increased production in factories, mines and agriculture during the past 12 months.

"Twelve months' experience with this new approach has proved its worth. The European nations are developing new methods of co-operative action."

In Brussels, M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Premier, said in a special broadcast today to mark the first anniversary of the Economic Co-operation Administration that more important for Europe and the world.

FAITH IN FUTURE

During the celebration, which was broadcast by the "Voice of America," M. Spaak affirmed his faith in the peaceful future of the world. It would be a world in which Europe, healed of her wounds, strengthened by her trials, and intimately united, will be able to contribute effectively to the development of the well-being of the world, he declared.

"A year ago, through the generosity and clairvoyance of the Americans, there was born an organization to galvanise the courage and hopes of all those who knew that economic chaos and misery constituted a constant menace to peace," he added.

In Berlin, General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor, declared today that the 12 months of the European Recovery Programme had seen a great advance in the economic recovery of Western Germany. "Western Germany has once more been given the prospect, by matching hard work with the assistance given, of standing on her own feet," he said.

ACHIEVING SALVATION
"Additional imports of food and raw materials have begun to pour in," he said. "Material assistance is not the only benefit which the Germans had derived from the Programme. Not less important is the opportunity which has been given to the Germans of taking part in the common effort of the Western nations, by mutual assistance and co-operation, to achieve their own salvation."

"For the first time since the war," General Robertson continued, "a delegation representing Germany has taken part in the deliberations of the European powers. I look forward to the increasing participation of German statesmen and experts in this work."

"The work of achieving European recovery through co-operation has been well begun. Let us strive that, assisted by

TOGETHER AGAIN



President Truman (left) takes the arm of Mr Winston Churchill after Britain's wartime Prime Minister arrived for dinner at Blair House, temporary Washington residence of the chief executive.—AP Picture.

Probable Features Of Britain's Budget Anticipated

London, Apr. 3.—The biggest question asked here about next Wednesday's Budget, the last that can exert much influence on a general election, is whether it will be a wholly economic or partly political one.

With Sir Stafford Cripps as Chancellor of the Exchequer, there will not be much yielding to political pressure, but there may be some. On the Government's own Economic Survey of the prospects of the investment account, there should, if anything, be a net increase in taxation.

This will not occur partly for political reasons, but mainly because the Government survey is almost certainly wrong, last year it was wrong by more than £600 million.

Like the United States Government, the British Government professes to believe that the main danger is still inflation, but even less than the United States Government does it act on that professed belief. Its main objects are to maintain the "welfare state" and full employment.

If that requires an increase in spending power, whether by tax cuts or in some other way, then spending power will be increased.

GIVING AWAY EXPORTS

Sir Stafford however may leave this open in the Budget and instead maintain employment, as he did last year by allowing much more new capital investment work than was planned. Another way of maintaining employment is to give away exports. Britain is already giving large unrequited exports to the other Marshall countries. This week she agreed to give away as much as two-thirds of her exports to Egypt.

After the huge surplus in the year just ended, a surplus which was nominally about £350 million and might expect big tax cuts, but this will not happen. There might be a cut on the tax of beer, simply because a lower tax rate would probably bring in more revenue, and because another penny was put on beer in the "Crisis" Budget at the end of 1947.

So all told, taxes in Britain will continue to take 40 percent of total personal incomes, a vastly higher proportion than has ever been levied in any other country and one which economists regard with the gravest concern.—Reuter.

Death Of Former China Missionary

Gibson, Nebraska, Apr. 3.—The Reverend Dr Leslie Bates Moss, 60, died here today three days after the death of his wife.

Dr Moss, who is author and executive of the inter-denominational relief agency known as Church World Service, incorporated, went to Nanking, China, with his wife in 1915 where he was a missionary for five years for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Service.—United Press.

Future Of Italy's Pre-War Colonies

Washington, Apr. 3.—The future disposal of Italy's prewar colonies was discussed today by Mr Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, and his Italian opposite number, Count Carlo Sforza. The disposal of Tripolitania is seen by observers in Washington as the key to the knotty interrelated problems which still have to be solved before the future of Italy's former empire is decided.

The difficulty is to find a solution which would at once be acceptable to the United Nations and to the governments of all those countries immediately interested in one or the other of the territories.

Besides the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union—who made a prolonged but barren attempt to find a solution to the disposal of the colonies through great power agreement—Italy, Abyssinia, Egypt and the Arab States, South Africa, and the Commonwealth powers all take a direct concern in the distribution of these strategically placed African areas.

TRIPOLITANIA

It is believed Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State, in his recent conversations with Count Sforza, Mr. Bevin and M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, has been concentrating principally on a formula for Tripolitania. One one point there seems to be a growing identity of views among all the Foreign Ministers who have discussed the Italian colonies in Washington.

Whether it is decided to entrust the mandate for administering the colonies to a single power or to a joint trusteeship under the United Nations it looks as though hard guarantees will be given to raise the economic and social level of the local inhabitants through international co-operation.

Count Sforza declared that Italy is more concerned with free association between the local populations and Italy than with the restoration of a colonial system. For Tripolitania, one solution might be to entrust the territory to a single administration for the purpose of efficiency, but to recruit members of the administrative services internationally so that the territory would receive the maximum benefits and quality as soon as possible for self-government.—Reuter.

Radio-Telephony For Singapore

Singapore, Apr. 4.—Singapore will soon be on the world radio-telephone map.

Before the end of this year, plans are already afoot to link Singapore with the United Kingdom by telephone. The move is to facilitate quicker trade enquiries. Negotiations are also under way for direct radio-telephone links with other Commonwealth countries—Australia and India. Connections with Hongkong and Manila are also under consideration.—Associated Press.

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Atlantic City, Apr. 3.—Judge Mel Price of the Atlantic City Court today held that a negro could not be tried for murder in the current term because of the fact that negroes had been deliberately excluded from the jury lists.

The prisoner, R. B. Harris, charged with the slaying of another negro, was released on bond and his case will not come up again until September. Meanwhile, Judge Price ordered the jury lists revised.

The judge upheld Harris' attorney, who contended that the panel of jurors was illegal because of the exclusion of negroes.—United Press.

IN MEMORY OF U.S. TROOPS

Belfast, Northern Ireland, Apr. 3.—Mr. William A. Smythe, the United States Consul in Northern Ireland, today unveiled a stone at Castlewellan, County Down, in honour of the American troops who were stationed nearby during the war.

The stone was first cut at the camp by the 141st Armoured Signals Company, one of the first American units to cross the Atlantic in World War II. When the camp was broken up, the villagers moved the stone to the market house, where it has been placed beside the local war memorial.—Reuter.

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